

Dear Colleagues,

NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Programme

As you may know, the Joint Committee of Vaccination and Immunisations (JCVI) have recommended that all frontline health and social care workers are vaccinated against COVID-19.

In line with this advice, we are working on a plan to ensure that you receive your vaccination as soon as possible. The vaccine is crucial to help slow the spread of COVID at a time where rates are high, and the pressure on our health and social care system is growing.

To ensure that we have the **quickest and biggest impact** on the number of people becoming infected with and dying from COVID, priority will be given to those frontline workers who have had regular close contact with individuals who have either confirmed or suspected COVID-19, as well as staff who work with those at higher risk of being infected or becoming seriously ill if they do.

Your service will also be asked to further prioritise staff based on personal vulnerability such as: age and ethnicity or existing health conditions, as well as considering the vulnerability of your service such as: the size of your team (small teams may struggle more with reduced capacity) or those who have to travel regularly or between care settings.

What do I do now?

You do not need to do anything yet. You will shortly be issued with a letter of eligibility along with details of how to access your vaccination. It is important to note, that you **cannot book an appointment until you have received your letter of eligibility.**

You must take your letter, along with your staff ID to your appointment.

Please **do not contact your GP** for a vaccination, health and social care workers are receiving vaccinations from designated Hospital Hubs, rather than through GP practices.

Please be assured that we will be in touch as soon as possible – we appreciate how important it is that you get vaccinated as swiftly as possible, and we are working hard to make that happen.

Below you will find the full list of health and social care staff who are eligible for the COVID vaccination in this programme.

Yours Sincerely



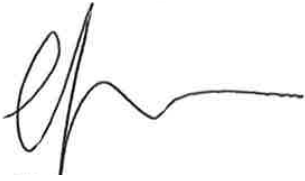
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Am I eligible for a COVID vaccination?

- staff who have **frequent face-to-face** contact with patients (children or adult) and who are directly involved in patient care in either secondary or primary care, mental health, urgent and emergency care and community settings
- those working in independent, voluntary and non-standard healthcare settings such as hospices, and community-based mental health or addiction services
- laboratory, pathology and mortuary staff
- those working for a sub-contracted provider of facilities services, for example: porters or cleaners
- temporary, locum or 'bank' staff, including those working in the COVID-19 vaccination programme, students, trainees and volunteers who are working with patients
- frontline social care workers directly working with vulnerable people (children or adults) who need care and support irrespective of where they work or who they are employed by